

REMARKS

Claims 40-42, 44-52, 54-55, 57-59, and 61-62 are pending in the Application.

The Examiner has stated the claims are allowable except for a couple of informalities.

Applicants have amended claims 40 and 61 as suggested by the Examiner.

Applicants have amended claims 49 and 62, but not exactly as suggested. Applicants assert that the amendments to claims 49 and 62 address the Examiner's concerns.

Applicants assert that the amendments to claims 40, 49, and 61-62, and incorporated by reference in any claims depending therefrom, are not narrowing amendments made for a reason related to the statutory requirements for a patent that will give rise to prosecution history estoppel.


As a result of the foregoing, it is asserted by Applicants that the remaining claims in the Application are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request an early allowance of such claims.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call Applicants' attorney at the below listed number if the Examiner believes that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any remaining problems.

Respectfully submitted,

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